

## THE CITY OF LAKE JACKSON

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Since our last news release, the number of COVID-19 cases in Lake Jackson dropped by one. That case was moved to another jurisdiction outside of Brazoria County. Therefore, we have 9 cases attributed to Lake Jackson. Two people in town have recovered, so that puts our active cases as of Friday morning (4/17/20) at 7.

Brazoria County cases now number 285, as of 5pm on 4/16/20. Of these 285 cases, 142 are active, 140 are recovered and 3 people have passed away from COVID-19. It is encouraging to see the recovered cases almost equal the active cases. Let's pray that trend continues. Brazoria County will give their update around 5pm today. They have an excellent "dashboard" on their website which tracks the cases in the county.

We are watching closely the developments in Washington and Austin about potential plans and timing to begin to slowly reopen our society and get people back to work.

In the meantime, we are so grateful to our medical professionals and first responders who have been on the front lines of this pandemic fighting for the lives of their fellow citizens. As a small token of our esteem for these unselfish, hardworking, and dedicated individuals, the City, each night from 7:30pm to midnight, will have our City buildings outlined in blue lights. The light system is already there for special occasions, primarily the Festival of Lights. So, this is a simple but heartfelt gesture.

Please keep up the efforts to "bend the curve" by staying at home as much as possible, follow good hygiene protocol, and practice social distancing and wear masks if you do need to go out.

Have a good weekend and stay safe.

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